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SUBJECT: US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS - STATUS OF FORCES  
(SOFA)

REF: A) ATHENS 892; B) STATE 16650

1. EXCHANGE RATE COMPROMISE REPORTED REFTEL APPEARS ACCEPT-  
ABLE TO INTERESTED AGENCIES HERE. HOWEVER, WE ARE DISAP-  
POINTED AT APPARENT GREEK INSISTENCE UPON 130 DOLLAR ANNUAL  
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CIRCULATION TAX FOR PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES IN ADDITION TO

20 DOLLAR ONE-TIME LICENSING AND REGISTRATION FEE. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THIS WOULD RESULT IN HIGHEST TOTAL CHARGE BY ANY HOST COUNTRY WORLDWIDE, AND CLEARLY UNREASONABLE FOR A NATO ALLY TO ASSESS ON INDIVIDUAL US SERVICEMEN (PARA 3A,REFB).

2. WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO EXCHANGE RATE, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE RENEWED EFFORTS TO SECURE GREEK ACCEPTANCE OF FIGURE LAST PROPOSED BY US SIDE, NAMELY 80 DOLLAR ANNUAL CIRCULATION TAX AND 20 DOLLAR REGISTRATION FEE.

3. OTHER SOFA ITEMS REFTEL ARE NOTED; WE WELCOME MOVEMENT TOWARD CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA.

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